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Canada Day Poster Challenge national finalist says Canada is a nation of which we can be proud

OTTAWA, June 14, 1995 - Heather Eadie, a Grade 11 student in Edmonton, won this year's Canada Day Poster Challenge from among the 12,000 young people under 18 from all over the country who submitted posters for this year's contest. Her design will become the official poster of Canada Day 1995.

She received congratulations from Prime Minister Jean Chrétien and Canadian Heritage Minister Michel Dupuy. The 17-year-old Harry Ainley Composite High School student said of her poster: "Canada is a nation to be proud of because of its vast lands, customs, cultures and architecture. Each province and territory displays key traits and together the provinces work towards nationalism and pride. Our school theme this year is pride and I have discovered that greatness is achieved not through what you get but what you give. In this poster everyone is working as a community and as a country."

Heather, and the finalists from each province and territory, along with a family member, will attend the Canada Day celebrations on Parliament Hill on July 1 as guests of Minister Dupuy. The Minister said the posters were of a high quality and reflected "the excitement and pride with which young Canadians view their country and our future together." The Department launched the Canada Day Poster Challenge in 1987 to enable Canadians under 18 to display their vision of the country. This year's sponsors of the Challenge are Canadian Airlines International, Maple Leaf Meats and Mobility Canada.

The finalists from the provinces and territories are:

Newfoundland: Troy Holloway, 17, attends Musgravetown High School in Bloomfield. His poster depicts the diversity of Canada's landscape, from the oceans to the Rockies.

Nova Scotia: Chantal Marie Boudreau, 11, attends École Petit de Grat, in Petit de Grat. Her poster depicts her love for Canada because it is strong and has "no signs of war."

New Brunswick: Amy McNair, 15, is in Grade 10 at Moncton High School. Her drawing shows her love for Canada, with its many cultures, and her pride in Canada Day events.

Prince Edward Island: Sally Bulger, 17, attends the West Isle Composite High School in Alberton. Her poster shows her pride in Canada through the themes of equality and unity.

Quebec: Chloé Giroux-Bertrand, 11, is a Grade 6 student in Sainte-Louise-de-Kamouraska. Her poster reflects her love for Canada as a "fantastic mosaic."

Ontario: Sandip Saha, 12, attends Camilla Senior Public School in Mississauga. His poster reflects his pride in Canada, with its many sports, arts and special places.

Manitoba: Kristen Elkow, 12, is a Grade 6 student at Shamrock School in Winnipeg.
Her poster depicts her pride in Canada, with its diverse cultures and many sports.

Saskatchewan: Allison Weekes, 11, attends St. Gabriel School in Biggar. Her poster reflects her pride in Canada because of its freedom, equal opportunities and other values.

British Columbia: Krystle Li, 9, is a Grade 3 student at Cascade Heights Elementary School in Burnaby. Her poster shows different people loving and celebrating Canada.

Northwest Territories: Chelsea Sveinsson, 10, is a Grade 5 student at St. Patrick's Elementary School in Yellowknife. Her poster illustrates the equality of all Canadians.

Yukon: Elaine Lee, 16, is in Grade 10 at F.H. Collins School in Whitehorse. Her poster depicts Canada as a united country with many cultures and wide diversity.

(Colour copies of the posters are available on request)

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